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"UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS"

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ORCHESTRA:

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ANNOUNCER: Nearly one hundred and fifty great National Forests, scattered through thirty States, north, south, east, and west, are dedicated to the use and enjoyment of the people of the United States. With their many beautiful lakes, turbulent rivers, mountain peaks and meadows, vast open cattle and sheep ranges, big timber, and young growing forests, they offer the finest opportunities for outdoor recreation, and they serve at the same time as a vast reservoir of useful resources, managed by Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers in the public interest.

Each week at this time we have a look in on the Pine Cone National Forest District, where Ranger Jim Robbins and his young assistant, Jerry Quick, are in charge. At this season of the year, when national forest activities are at their height, the Rangers have to be much in the field, and long hours on the road and in the saddle are called for. So today, as we tune in at the Pine Cone Ranger Station, we find Ranger Jim and Jerry preparing for trips in the forest. Here we are ---





JERRY: Well, Jim - let's get going.

JIM: Hold on now, son. Better be sure we've got everything in mind that we want to do. -- (CHUCKLES) Say - looks like you've got the itch to get out in the woods again, young feller. Weren't you the one that was so anxious a week or so ago to stay here and work in the office?

JERRY: Well - uh - you see, I wanted to get things caught up, and -

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yeah? I s'pose that young gal from the Supervisor's office being here didn't have anything to do with it.

JERRY: (LAUGHING) Well, I guess it did, Jim. -- I'll admit it seems kind of lonesome around here since Ruth went back to headquarters.

JIM: (CHUCKLING) I thought so. -- It's lucky we aren't having good-lookin' young gals detailed to this Station very often. I'm afraid my assistant wouldn't be good for much.

JERRY: (LAUGHING) Say now - I hope it isn't that bad.

JIM: No? Well, I reckon you'd need watching just the same. - Anyhow, about the trips - we'd better figure on about four days, I guess.

JERRY: Will we be back by Sunday?

JIM: Maybe late Sunday night. Why?

JERRY: Oh, nothing. I'd sort of thought I ---

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JIM: Well, there won't be any chance to go galivantin' off to see a girl this Sunday, if you make the rounds of the sheep camps this trip. -- And if you get a chance, check up on salting on the cattle range up in the northern part of the district. That's about a four day trip.

JERRY: Yeah. That'll take four days all right.

JIM: I'm figurin' to visit all the guard stations and key-men on the district and see that our fire protection system is functioning one hundred per cent. I'll get into the Emergency Conservation Work camp Sunday afternoon for a confab with our camp foremen, so I guess you'd better plan to meet me here.

JERRY: All right, I'll be there. I've got my trip lined up on my pocket map, see? I figure if I get started by 9 o'clock I can make Wilson's No. 1 sheep camp tonight by dark. Tomorrow I can inspect both of his allotments and swing across the head of Rapid Creek and have a look at those fellows over there and wind up at the Windy Mountain lookout station tomorrow night. I'll check the lookout's service diary and weather records, and then drop back down Rapid Creek through the Mexican sheep allotments, and reach the settlement Saturday night and stop with Jose (Ho Say). Sunday morning I'll take an early start and ride the cattle country below Big Bend and ought to reach the Conservation Camp by noon. I'd like to get there in time for dinner so I can see what kind of chow they're serving the boys.







JIM: That's a pretty good trip plan, Jerry. If you can keep that schedule you won't be able to let any grass grow under your feet.

JERRY: Yeah. I'll see a lot of country but that's what I'm going for.

JIM: Sure. Let's see -- you'll be at a telephone two nights. Friday at the Lookout and Saturday at Jose's.

JERRY: Yes, if Jose's line is working. That "baling wire" line they have down there seems to be out of order about half the time.

JIM: I think they've got it working now. You'd better call the Station whenever you reach a telephone to see if Bess has any messages for you.

JERRY: Yes, I'll do that. Where will you be tomorrow night?

JIM: I'm heading for Bald Peak Lookout tonight and Billy Mathews guard station tomorrow night. Saturday night I spend at the road camp and Sunday night I hope to be back in my own little bed.

JERRY: So we can make a fresh start next week.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Yes, that's right -- a fresh start the first of the week. I want to make those special use surveys next week -- Some of those applications for permits have been in quite a while. -- We'll have to get busy on them. --

JERRY: I don't think there's any rush about them, is there?

JIM: Well, I don't like to keep the applicants waiting. They're entitled to as prompt service as we can give them.

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BESS: (COMING UP) Oh Jim - (SOUND OF DOOR) I have your lunches ready.

JIM: Lunches? Who said anything about lunches?

BESS: Never you mind, Jim Robbins. You're going to pack this lunch with you.

JIM: Would you look at the size of those lunches? I'm going to have enough plunder tied to that saddle now to make Old Dolly sway-backed. There ain't no place left for me.

BESS: Never-the-less you are going to carry this lunch. You want yours, don't you, Jerry?

JERRY: I should say I do. I can always find a place to tie on some lunch. Besides I've got some sweet chocolate and raisins in my saddle pockets for emergencies.

BESS: That's sensible. It isn't good for one to ride all day and sometimes half the night without eating.

JIM: All right, Mrs. Robbins, you win as usual. (CHUCKLES) Jerry you take these food supplies out and tie 'em on the saddles. If you can't find any other place for mine, put it in the seat and I'll use it for a cushion.

JERRY: (LAUGHING) Great idea - but rather hard on that chocolate cake, I know she's got in there.

BESS: Shame on you, Jim, for talking that way.

JIM: There, there now, Bess. - You know I wouldn't go without that lunch for anything. - Say did you get Mary Holloway to come and stay with you while we are away?



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BESS: Yes, she seemed awfully glad when I asked her to --

JERRY: Mary coming over? When is she coming?

BESS: I don't know, I'm expecting her any time.

JERRY: (PEEVISHLY) I don't s'pose she'll come 'till I've gone. I don't see what's got into Mary lately, -- she treats me like I had the smallpox or something.

BESS: I don't think you can blame Mary -- she --

JERRY: Well, if she wants to act that way, I don't know as there's anything I want to do about it.

BESS: Oh Jerry, do you think that's fair to Mary -- I'm sure she's been terribly lonesome.

JERRY: She hasn't shown any yearning for my company.

JIM: Come on, let's go. I guess I've got everything but my good-bye kiss now, Bess.

BESS: Well -- now take care of yourself, Jim, and don't let yourself get too tired. You know you're not as young as you were once.

JIM: Yes, yes, I know, Bess, but I hate to admit it.  
Goodbye Bess. (KISS)

BESS: Goodbye Jim -- (CALLING LOUDER) Goodbye Jerry.

JERRY: (COMING BACK RUNNING) Oh, that reminds me -- I was going to phone the supervisor's office and order some forms sent out.

JIM: (LAUGHING) Don't forget to order the forms -- well, we aren't riding together so I'll be on my way -- (MOVING AWAY) Goodbye, Bess.

BESS: Goodbye Jim, remember what I told you -- I think I'll go over and see what's keeping Mary -- Have you any message to send her, Jerry?



JERRY: No thanks, Mrs. Robbins. (SCREEN DOOR SLAMS)

JERRY: (RINGS TELEPHONE) Hello central? -- Get me the Forest Supervisor's office at Willow Glen -- This is Jerry Quick at the Pine Cone Ranger Station -- Right -- Hello -- oh hello, Dave. Say, is Ruth there? -- Yeah. Let me speak to her, will you? -- No, he just left -- no, he won't be back 'till Sunday night and I'm leaving in a minute for the rest of the week. -- Yes, our schedules are in the mail so you'll know where to reach us -- yes. Well, let me talk to Ruth. -- Oh, hello Ruth -- How are you? -- That's good -- It's been mighty lonesome around here since you left -- No, haven't seen anybody -- No, not even Mary Holloway -- I guess she don't like me any more. -- Well it's mighty sweet of you to say so. -- Oh, I can't Ruth, I'm leaving right away for a range inspection trip -- I won't get back 'till Sunday night. -- Well, you see the season is so short up here, we have to crowd everything in -- Maybe I can get away the next weekend and catch a ride into town -- I wish I could get me a car -- No, I have never needed one before, -- all right -- a week from Saturday -- if we don't have a fire. -- Well, I've gotta be going -- I've got a long ride to make today -- Oh, nothing could happen to me -- sure -- I will -- Bye, bye. Oh say, tell Dave to send out some map sheets for special use surveys -- oh, about a hundred. -- All righty -- goodbye.

(HANGS UP AND GOES OUT WHISTLING) (SLAMS SCREEN DOOR)

(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)



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- BESS: Come in, Mary. I thought we might get back in time to say goodbye to Jerry, but I see he's gone --
- MARY: I don't think Jerry would be interested in our goodbyes.
- BESS: Oh Mary, do you think that's fair to Jerry? I know he's missed you.
- MARY: Then why has he ignored me so? I never felt so humiliated in my life --
- BESS: I wonder, Mary, if your own imagination hasn't had something to --
- MARY: Oh please, Mrs. Robbins -- can't we talk about something else?
- BESS: Why surely -- Let's get some pails and go up to the pasture for berries. Jim says there are lots of raspberries and the goose-berries are just right for jam.
- MARY: Oh, I'd love to. I want you to teach me how to make that delicious gooseberry jam. You know -- the kind with raisins in it.
- BESS: Yes indeed. I'd be glad to. And we'll can some raspberry preserves and make some jellies. I think every girl should know how to make such things. All men like them and I always think the home-made preserves are so much better than those you buy.
- MARY: I do too. And yours are especially good. I think them a real knack.
- BESS: Easiest thing in the world. I'll teach you all I know about it, so when you're married and have a home of your own, you'll --



MARY: (CUTTING IN, SADLY) Mrs. Robbins - I - I don't  
think I shall ever marry.

(FADEOUT)

ANNOUNCER:

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